# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
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Night Vision Devices
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is shortage of third generation Night Vision Devices in the Indian Army;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total amount allocated for the procurement of Night Vision Devices and high-tech CCTV cameras and other security and surveillance gadgets;

(d) whether the Government proposes to install and commission thermal cameras and high-end-cameras all along the borders as well as coastal areas and if so, the details thereof; and
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(e) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance and upgrade the night fighting capability of the Armed Forces, especially Army and Special Forces which are presently equipped with second generation night vision technology?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (c): Government regularly reviews the security scenario and accordingly decides to induct appropriate defence equipment, including Night Vision Devices based on operational requirements. Upgradation of equipments due to technological advancements is undertaken, whenever required. Mismatches between requirements and availability can sometimes occur which is continually addressed by procurements as per laid down procedures out of allocated budget. In 2015-16, the contracts worth Rs.1469.19 Crores were concluded for Indian Army for procurement of night vision devices.

(d) & (e): Government has decided to deploy technological solutions including camera for improved border surveillance in difficult terrains where fencing could not be installed. In addition, coastal surveillance systems at various locations along the coast line have been installed. All Image Intensifier (ii) Night Vision Devices have been upgraded. Procurement of Night Sights Devices for small arms is at various stages of procurement process.
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